Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 09 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 10 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 08 Feb 2023 at 14:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for transition to more settled weather over the weekend, lower for amounts of rainfall across western ranges on Friday.

Headline for Thursday 09 Feb 2023: Brief sunny intervals with wintry showers, becoming lighter and more isolated during the afternoon with snow becoming confined to the summits. Gales easing.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 09 Feb 2023

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
50%	50%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 09 Feb 2023

Weather: Wintry showers overnight, heaviest and most frequent across western ranges. Further wintry showers during the morning, heaviest and most frequent across northern Argyll and Lochaber. The showers will turn lighter and more isolated during the afternoon, with snow becoming confined to the higher slopes and summits. Cloudy during the evening with showers giving way to more persistent rain and summit snow.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, becoming 50% during the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Scattered to broken cloud with bases 400-600 metres, lowering to 300 metres at times in the showers, bases lifting 500-700 metres and becming more patchy during the afternoon. Visibilities generally good, but becoming poor or very poor in the snow showers with whiteout conditions at times during the morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	45/56 SW	46/58 SW	42/53 SW	41/53 SW	36/48 W	34/44 W	27/35 SW	25/33 SW	30/40 SW
900	31/41 SW	30/42 W	28/39 W	28/39 W	27/38 W	25/36 W	20/29 W	18/27 SW	23/33 SW
600	37/48 SW	39/50 SW	34/44 SW	32/43 SW	28/39 SW	28/38 W	19/27 SW	21/29 SW	27/36 SW
300	19/29 SW	18/27 SW	16/26 SW	16/25 SW	16/26 SW	15/25 W	10/17 SW	9/17 SW	14/24 SW
Glen	14/29 SW	16/33 SW	13/29 W	12/27 SW	12/25 SW	13/26 W	8/20 W	7/18 SW	12/27 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-17	-5/-17	-5/-16	-4/-15	-4/-14	-4/-13	-3/-12	-3/-11	-2/-11
900	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11	-2/-11	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-7	-0/-7	-0/-7
600	-1/-10	-0/-9	-0/-8	0/-8	1/-6	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4
300	2/-4	1/-4	2/-3	3/-3	4/-1	4/-0	4/0	4/1	4/0
Glen	3/-2	4/-1	4/-0	4/0	6/3	6/3	6/3	6/3	6/3
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	500m	600m	700m	700m	800m	800m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Conditions deteriorating rapidly in the snow showers.

Forecast for Friday 10 Feb 2023

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle, this mostly light, but turning heavier and more persistent across nrthern Argyll and Lochaber for a time during the afternoon and early evening. Drier over Arran with perhaps some brighter spells.

Maximum wind: West to southwesterly, 40 gust 55 mph, slowly easing 25 gust 35 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%, but locally 30% over Arran.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud with bases 300-500 metres, locally down to 200 metres around some western coastal ranges, breaking for a time across Arran with bases lifting 600-800 metres. Poor visibilities at times in rain or drizzle.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 1 rising 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 900 metres rising above the summits.

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